

HONEY

Honey production from beekeepers with five or more hives in New York totaled 4.82 million pounds during 2003. This total is down 18 percent from the 2002 production of 5.88 million pounds.

The 2003 production was extracted from 67,000 colonies, up 12 percent from the 60,000 colonies in 2002. Honey yield per colony averaged 72 pounds, 16 percent below the 2002 yield. Honey stocks on hand across the State as of December 15, 2003 totaled 1.64 million pounds, a decrease of 34 percent from the 2.47 million pounds a year earlier

Prices received by beekeepers in New York averaged \$1.40 per pound for all methods of sale during 2003, 12 percent more than the 2002 average price of \$1.25. Value of honey production for the State in 2003 totaled \$6.75 million, compared with \$7.35 million in 2002.



Table 68. **HONEY:** Production and Value, New York, 1994-2003 ^{1/}

Year	Colonies of bees	Yield per colony	Production	Price per pound	Total value	Stocks on Dec. 15
	<u>1,000</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>1,000 lbs.</u>	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>1,000 dol.</u>	<u>1,000 lb.</u>
1994	68	68	4,624	.63	2,913	2,451
1995	70	75	5,250	.71	3,728	2,100
1996	68	80	5,440	.89	4,842	2,557
1997	72	60	4,320	.85	3,672	2,246
1998	65	80	5,200	.70	3,640	2,444
1999	69	70	4,830	.66	3,188	2,077
2000	58	80	4,640	.55	2,552	2,274
2001	53	70	3,710	.79	2,931	1,781
2002	60	98	5,880	1.25	7,350	2,470
2003	67	72	4,824	1.40	6,754	1,640

^{1/} For apiaries with 5 or more colonies.